

Richland County Parks Commission  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The November 4<sup>th</sup>. 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, John Collins, Kerry Severson, Steve Kohlstedt, Cindy Chicker, Brad Wegner, Lon Arbegust and Cathy Cooper. Gary Manning was absent.
- #2 The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board, Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #3 Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes of the October meeting as sent out second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #4 Public input; nothing.
- #5. Hidden Valley Ad; Lon Arbegust showed the commission the cover page and the pages that will be included in the magazine. The centerfold on one side is the map of the 9 counties and the other side will be pictures and information on Richland County. More discussion regarding apps. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the cover and centerfold with a few minor changes, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. The commission picked 5 different pictures for the parks commission ad and Lon will decide on which one look better and fit with the printing.
- #6; Bike trail update; Cindy reported that there should be some grant information released next week. The grant request is due in January. Trail conditions from county O to Gotham is bumpy but passable
- #7 Rifle Range; John Collins reported that things are looking good people are picking up after themselves and using the dumpster. The new bathroom will be next year. The power pole placement will happen in the future as REC was unable to get a pole and transformer in place.
- #8 Final 10% for Mike Drake. Motion made by Kerry Severson to pay the final 10% of Mike Drakes 2019 mowing Contract, second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.
- #9 Rockbridge Park; Due to the flooding events this past spring into summer the kayak landing was not placed. The old snowmobile bridge on the back side of the rock will probably be scrapped. The last picnic table was delivered, and John Collins took it to one of the shelters. There are know 3 tables at each shelter. Cathy has a sign to be put up at the park for a grant that was received in the pass from the Federal government. Gary Peters reported that people have told him that they like the landscaping done to expose more of the rock.
- #10 Viola Park; For the 2020 season try not putting a dumpster at the park and have signs in place stating that the park is a pack in pack out.
- #11 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR. The DNR is working on the agreement, this location will need to be added to the contract with the mowing by Mike Drake.
- #12; Snowmobile Alliance; Kerry Severson reported that trails are going in, however it may be difficult to meet the December 15<sup>th</sup> date due to some fields still having corn on them. The Ithaca trail was approved by the state to be a funded trail hopefully yet for this year's grant. Still working an a few small issues with the Hub City trail.
- #13 Snowmobile Grant; the amendment for the riprap project has gone thru, discussion continued. Rich Wanless received the bid.
- #14 Boat Landings; Nothing new to report.

#15 Long Range Recreation Plan; Cathy handed out the notes from the previous meeting. The notes are attached to the master minutes. Cathy handed out a copy of the Ash Creek Trails map.

#16 Committee structure administration; this will be taken off the agenda.

#17 Committee member reports; John Collins asked if there is a Job Description for the Parks Commission. There is a State Statute with a description of what the parks commission does.

#18 Other business. Nothing

#19 The following bills were presented for November; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$0.00; Mike Drake, \$700.00; Sharon Miller, \$6.00; Rent-A-Flash, \$2,291.08. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the November bills as presented, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday December 2<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to adjourn the meeting, second made by Brad Wegner Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:02 pm.

*Gary Peters*

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Parks Commission Chair